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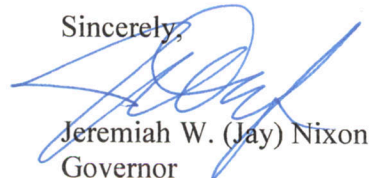
Dear Chairman Miller:

A strong transportation system is critical to Missouri's economic competitiveness, but Missouri's transportation funding is approaching a critical juncture. That is why I am requesting that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission analyze and provide options for utilizing tolls to address one of our most pressing transportation infrastructure needs - improving and expanding Interstate 70 - while freeing up resources currently dedicated to repair and maintenance on I-70 for road and bridge projects throughout the state.

Spanning ten states from Maryland to Utah, I-70 is a vital east-west link for our country and for our State. Yet, its youngest sections in Missouri are nearly 50 years old and are designed to meet road standards and traffic volumes of an earlier day. Across the country, states have utilized private sector-based solutions, such as those involving tolls or public-private partnerships, to address significant transportation needs like I-70. The potential of such solutions is worthy of exploration as we continue a robust discussion regarding our transportation needs and options to pay for them.

Please provide me a report by December 31, 2014 analyzing and providing options for utilizing tolls to improve and expand I-70 and to free-up resources for road and bridge projects throughout the state. I look forward to your analysis.

Sincerely,



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